

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~MD038~~ CH-974

Address: 10975 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Newburg

Owner: Coulby, Adrian M and Helen E

Tax Parcel Number: 134 Tax Map Number: 73

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The wood frame house at 10975 Crain Highway is two stories in height and two bays wide with a one-story garage addition on the south elevation. The dwelling is covered by a side gable roof with a small front gable dormer centered on the primary elevation (east). The full-width, one-story porch with a half-hipped roof is supported by turned wood posts. The house has a side entry and an exterior gable wall chimney. The garage addition is one-and-one-half-stories, two bays wide and is set slightly back from the primary elevation of the house. The garage is covered by a salt box side gable roof. A front gable dormer pierces the steep, long eave end of the roof.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services


Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1890, this house, influenced by the Queen Anne-style, is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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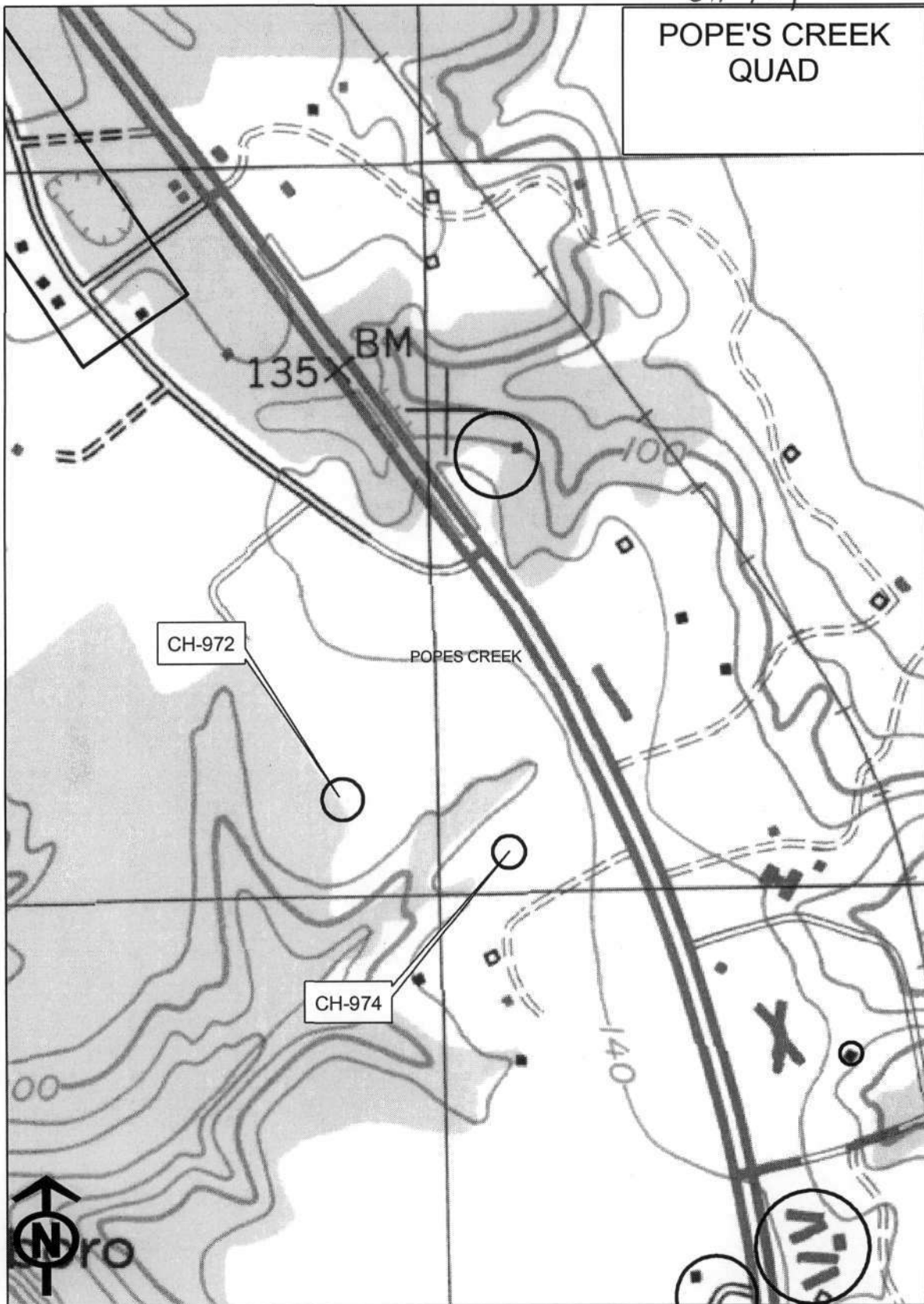
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View of east elevation
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